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A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting certain trailers from annual registration fees
2 and registration plate issuance requirements.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.123, Code 2022, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. *a.* There is no annual registration fee
4 for a non-revenue-producing trailer owned by a person who owns
5 three or more non-revenue-producing trailers. This paragraph
6 does not apply to the two non-revenue-producing trailers with
7 the highest annual registration fees as calculated under this
8 section that are owned by the person. A trailer exempt from
9 the annual registration fee under this paragraph must still be
10 registered in accordance with this chapter.

11 *b.* Notwithstanding section 321.34 or any other provision
12 of law to the contrary, the owner of a non-revenue-producing
13 trailer exempt from the annual registration fee under paragraph
14 "a" shall not be issued a registration plate for the trailer.
15 Notwithstanding section 321.37 or any other provision of law to
16 the contrary, to be moved upon a highway, an exempted trailer
17 must display the registration plate that was issued for either
18 of the two non-revenue-producing trailers for which the annual
19 registration fee applies. An exempted trailer may display such
20 a plate only if all of the following are true:

21 (1) All applicable non-revenue-producing trailers are owned
22 by and registered to the same person.

23 (2) No more than two of the applicable
24 non-revenue-producing trailers are moved upon a highway at any
25 one time.

26 *c.* For purposes of this subsection, "*non-revenue-producing*
27 *trailer*" means a trailer that is not subject to permanent
28 registration under chapter 326 and that is only moved upon a
29 highway for purposes other than a private commercial purpose or
30 a purpose associated with a commercial enterprise.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 Under current law, motor vehicles, trailers, and
35 semitrailers, when driven or moved upon a highway, are

1 subject to the registration provisions in Code chapters 321
2 (motor vehicles and law of the road) and 326 (registration
3 reciprocity), as applicable, unless specifically exempted.
4 Each vehicle is subject to an annual registration fee and also
5 subject to a fee for new registration when the vehicle is
6 registered for the first time by the vehicle owner.

7 This bill eliminates the annual registration fee for a
8 non-revenue-producing trailer owned by a person who owns three
9 or more such trailers. However, the two non-revenue-producing
10 trailers with the highest annual registration fees owned by the
11 person are still subject to the fee. Trailers exempt from the
12 annual registration fee by the bill are still required to be
13 registered in accordance with current law.

14 Under the bill, the owner of a non-revenue-producing
15 trailer exempt from the annual registration fee is not
16 issued a registration plate for the trailer, but instead
17 must display the registration plate issued for either of
18 the two non-revenue-producing trailers for which the annual
19 registration fee applies in order to be moved upon a highway.

20 The bill defines "non-revenue-producing trailer" as a
21 trailer that is not subject to permanent registration under
22 Code chapter 326 and that is only moved upon a highway for
23 purposes other than a private commercial purpose or a purpose
24 associated with a commercial enterprise.

25 The annual registration fee for trailers with an empty
26 weight of 2,000 pounds or less is \$20, and the annual
27 registration fee for trailers with an empty weight in excess of
28 2,000 pounds is \$30. Travel trailers and fifth-wheel travel
29 trailers have an annual registration fee based on the trailer's
30 square footage.